

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008

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CHAIRMAN                      JEAN WALLACE MCLEAN

VICE-CHAIR                   MICKEY ROGERS

ADMINISTRATOR              CECIL KIMREY

COUNTY ATTORNEY           DONNIE MCDONALD

COUNCIL:

JEAN MCLEAN,		JEFF QUICK,	
MICKEY ROGERS,	*	CORRIE H. PLATO,	
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE,		KEN ALLEN,	*
STEVE BLACKMON, AND		ANTHONY WOODS	

\*      ABSENT

INVOCATION – Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, Chair

Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, Chair, advised no decisions had been made, no votes had been taken.

PRESENTATIONS

**Ms. Vermell Pyatt, Harvest Hope Food Bank** – spoke to Council on behalf of the Food Pantry in Marlboro County. She stated Harvest Hope Food Bank covers twenty (20) counties including Marlboro County. The warehouse for Marlboro County is located in Florence. She advised that with growing cost including gas, there is a growing need. She requested Marlboro Council help to meet the needs in the county – a letter requesting \$25,000 was placed in Council packets.

**Mr. Todd Blanchard/Mr. Troy Pickens, Marlboro Park Hospital** – were not present to address Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 26, 2008 & MARCH 11, 2008

FEBRUARY 26, 2008

**Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the minutes of February 26, 2008. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

MARCH 11, 2008

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve the minutes of February 26, 2008. Vote in favor: Mr. Steve Blackmon, Mr. Jeff Quick, Mr. Anthony Woods, Dr. Carolyn Prince, and Ms. Jean Wallace McLean. Abstain: Ms. Corrie Plato (not present at meeting). Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 637 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE LAND LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND NORTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE – THIRD READING

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 637 – An Ordinance to approve the land lease agreement between Marlboro County and Northeastern Technical College. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 638 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/RDA FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 – 2008. – SECOND READING

**Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, approving the second reading of Ordinance # 638 – An Ordinance to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Economic Development/RDA Fund Balance for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to add an item to the agenda for the Public Works Motor grader. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Mr. Stewart Hucks, USDA addressed council in regards to the funding Marlboro County has applied for to purchase a new motor grader. Mr. Hucks went over the letter of conditions stressing the key points. He advised Council had to agree to the conditions to be approved for the \$156,000 Rural Development loan and \$50,000 RHS grant. He advised the letter was not to be considered as a loan approval. Mr. Hucks also advised if the conditions were not met within 180 days from the date of the Council meeting (April 8, 2008), the county would be required to

meet with Rural Development. The loan payment schedule could not exceed ten years. If there were funds left over could be used within the scope of the project, if costs are in excess of funding, County will be responsible for. Advised he needed a decision.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to accept the conditions of the letter. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Council agreed to move the Citizens request before Council forward and allow everyone to speak. Ms. Jean Wallace McLean advised the citizens they would be allowed three (3) minutes to speak and that this was not a question and answer section – no questions would be responded to.

**Mr. Floyd Quick** – introduced himself and advised he was running for the State House of Representatives for District 54.

**Mr. Belvin Sweatt** – spoke about the seating capacity in council chambers and the pending lawsuits.

**Mr. Richard Snyder** – spoke in opposition to the proposed Landfill.

**Mr. Tom Wood** – wants referendum on the June 10<sup>th</sup> Democratic ballot, requested copies of petitions presented to council, and hinted at a lawsuit.

**Ms. Tara Gesling** – presented material to Council and spoke in opposition to the proposed Landfill from the material she handed out.

**Ms. Susan Rudmond** – continued with Ms. Gesling's material presentation.

**Mr. Fred Nicholess** – spoke in opposition to the proposed Landfill.

**Mr. John Nicholess** – spoke in opposition to the proposed Landfill.

**Ms. Meghan Kaminski** – spoke regarding paving the road she lives on. She was directed to the Marlboro County Transportation Committee.

**Mr. Brett T. Barnes** – suggested a lawsuit against each Council Member as individuals for derelict of duty.

ORDINANCE # 639 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF FY 2009 - 2013. FIRST READING

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick, approving the first reading of Ordinance # 639 – An Ordinance to approve the Capital Improvement Plan for**

**Marlboro County for the period of FY 2009-2013. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 640 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2009. FIRST READING

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick, approving the first reading of Ordinance # 640 – An Ordinance to adopt the annual budget and to make appropriations for Marlboro County for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 641 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUILDING CODES ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE LATEST AND FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE BUILDING, FIRE, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, GAS, ELECTRICAL, ENERGY, AND RESIDENTIAL CODES AS MANDATED BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL – FIRST READING

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 641 – An Ordinance to amend the Building Codes Ordinance to adopt the latest and future editions of the Building, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Gas, Electrical, Energy, and Residential Codes as mandated by the South Carolina Building Codes Council. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

RESOLUTION # 04-08-01 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM TALBERT & BRIGHT, INC FOR PROJECT NO. 3214-0801.

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised 95% may come from FAA, 2.5% from the State and the county may have to fund the other 2.5% and up to 5%.

**Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve Resolution # 04-08-01 - A Resolution approving work authorization for professional services from Talbert & Bright, Inc. for project no. 3214-0801. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 04-08-02 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION BY MARLBORO COUNTY TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

Mr. Kimrey advised Marlboro Water Company has agreed to cover the match.

**Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve Resolution # 04-08-02 - A Resolution authorizing the submission of an application by Marlboro County to the State of South Carolina Community Development Block Grant program. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

UPDATE OF NEW MARLBORO COUNTY WEBSITE

Ms. Susan Rivers, Clerk to Council updated Council on the progress for the new website.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY REFERENDUM

Council discussed July 22, 2008 as the date for the referendum. After various discussions, Council advised the County Administrator to contact the Election Commission and schedule the referendum at the earliest possible date.

DISCUSSION OF PALMETTO POSTING

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised numerous counties have started using posting companies. He stated Marlboro County could not use them this year, but may wish to look at it later. He advised also that various counties are posting their taxes on line, he will get additional information before the next Council Meeting.

MARLBORO COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Cecil Kimrey advised the ISO study has started. Information has been delivered to the Fire Departments which will take several months to complete.

MARLBORO COUNTY GRANTS UPDATE

Mr. Cecil Kimrey advised the grant department has been busy. Several grants have been applied for which include the LEMPG grant and a Technology grant for the library. General discussion was held on how to use the next PARD grant funds.

DISCUSSION OF MARLBORO COUNTY CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS

Mr. Bob Eskridge, Codes Enforcement Officer addressed Council in regards to a Construction Board of Appeals. He stated that sometimes a citizen may have a different interpretation to the Codes than he does at which time they may wish to appeal to the Construction Board of Appeals. He recommended five board members possibly working with the City of Bennettsville. He stated the board members should be qualified and experience in the building area. He has checked with several counties which charge a non-refundable fee for appeal hearings ranging from \$300-\$500. Council members suggested Mr. Kimrey contact the city.

VOTER'S REGISTRATION REQUEST

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator requested the issue be tabled for the present.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Housing Authority of Bennettsville

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to re-appoint Mr. Grover McQueen to the Housing Authority of Bennettsville Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Other Boards and Commissions

**Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to appoint Ms. Emma Bethea to the Recreation Commission. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to appoint Ms. Jeretta Kinney to the Trinity Behavioral Care Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports were given.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – MR. CECIL KIMREY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**Roads** - The price of the contract for Cemetery & Berry Road has increased from \$243,098.25 to \$247,098.25 due to additional clearing, grubbing, and removal and replacement of an existing catch basin.

**Courthouse** - The courthouse parking lot grant was discontinued. I have requested the funding be reinstated.

**Railroad Funds** - The county received a payment of \$558,550.62 from its lease with Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad Co.

**GASB-45** - as previously stated will have a tremendous impact on our financial statements. Presently the county is paying approximately \$100,000 in medical retirement benefits. Retiree benefits will go onto the balance sheet at a rate of one & one half the present rate. A rough estimate is approximately \$400,000.

**Victim's Assistance** - The Victim's Assistance program is not generating enough funds to properly fund the budget. The amount being transferred to the Solicitor's Office may have to be reduced requiring the general fund to then fund the difference.

**Deficit** - In reviewing the council minutes of 2004, I found that health insurance increased twice in less than a year with increases of \$120,000 and \$90,000. Workmen's comp also increased \$51,686. These figures along with EMS costs would be a significant reason for the deficit.

**Library** - There will be a detention basin at the new library that will have to be maintained by the county.

**Road** - The PDCOG will be bidding the Honeysuckle Lane paving project.

**Judge's Chambers** - The judges have requested a air conditioning vent for the judges chamber. The expense will come from bond proceeds.

**TEA – 21** - The Administrator requested an extension for the TEA-21 Murchison project but the extension has been denied. Since the property is being transferred to the school district, we may not be able to use the grant funds.

**Project Span** - The county has incurred expenses of \$5,300.00 for project span for soil analysis. The funds will be taken from RDA/Economic Development funds.

**Expenditures** - are at 73%. Revenue is at 77% of the budget.

**Meeting** - A meeting was held for both the Planning Commission and Zoning Appeals Board on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We did not have a quorum of Planning Commission Members. Three members from districts 1, 2, and 4 attended. Districts 3, 5 & 5 (at large), and 7 did not attend. Another meeting for the Planning Commission was scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>. We still need two appointees – Districts 6 & 8.

**SCAC Conference** - County has received the SCAC Hilton Head packets in the mail. Council Members were asked to advise Ms. Susan Rivers, Clerk whether they plan to attend and what type of accommodations they wished to have.

**Contingency Funds** - The Administrator requested permission to transfer \$7000 from contingency to finance for profession services for the Auditor and Mr. Tommy Carabo. Council was agreeable.

**Library Site** - The State Urban Forester looked at the trees at the library site. At least one if not two trees have been identified to be removed. This savings will allow the county to mitigate the other trees imported.

**Pee Dee Coalition** - has asked for approval of their grant application for continued operation of emergency safe shelters and services to battered women and their children.

**Budget Workshop** – The Administrator requested permission to change the budge workshop from April 24<sup>th</sup> to May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 P.M.. This would allow more time to receive revenue estimates and cost projections. Council was agreeable.

#### RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, Chair** – advised Council she had received a letter thanking Council for the Resolution regarding Bill 1105.

Ms. McLean also advised she had contacted Triple Canopy for a possible donation for the Wallace Area Recreation, in which they donated \$1000. She was also advised they are still coming as the weather clears.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to enter executive session for discussion of a personnel and contractual issue Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to re-enter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, Chair, advised no decisions had been made, no votes had been taken.

NON-AGENDA ITEM

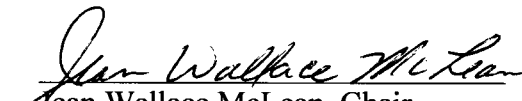
Mr. Jeff Quick requested that discussion of the Sheriff's building be listed on the next agenda.

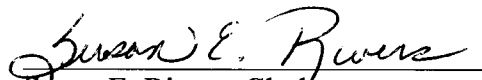
ADJOURN

No further discussion was heard. The meeting was adjourned.

(SEAL)

Attest:

  
Jean Wallace McLean, Chair  
Marlboro County Council

  
Susan E. Rivers, Clerk  
Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted: May 13, 2008